

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 2642

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PEPR KS YO KN US  
SUBJ: YUGOSLAV INITIATIVE FOR TRIPARTITE KOREA TALKS

REF: (A) SEOUL 2551, (B) SEOUL 2518, (C) SEOUL 2603

1. PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY CHOI KWANG SOO CALLED ME TODAY  
(MARCH 31) TO PROVIDE RESPONSE TO MY APPROACH REPORTED  
REFTEL A ON KOREAN REACTION TO TITO'S PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE  
KOREA CONFERENCE. CHOI SAID THAT MY VIEWS HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED  
TO PRESIDENT, SENIOR BLUE HOUSE STAFF AND PRIMIN.

2. CHOI INFORMED ME THAT VIEWS TRANSMITTED TO ME BY  
FOREIGN MINISTER (REF B) REFLECTED POSITION OF "CABINET".  
HOWEVER, FONMIN HAS BEEN ASKED TO REAPPRAISE SITUATION IN  
LIGHT OF MY APPROACH. CHOI WARNED THAT FONMIN MIGHT VERY  
WELL COME UP WITH SAME ANSWER.

3. COMMENT: WHILE CHOI'S CLEAR DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN  
"CABINET" AND PRESIDENT AND DIRECTIVE TO FONMIN TO  
REAPPRAISE KOREAN POSITION, WHICH HE REFUSED TO DO WHEN  
I SAW HIM, MAY INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE IN KOREAN  
POSITION, I AM NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC IN LIGHT OF UN-  
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FORTUNATE MAINICHI PRESS LEAK. OBVIOUSLY GOVERNMENT-  
ORCHESTRATED LOCAL EDITORIAL REACTION (REPORTED SEPTTEL)  
IS UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE. BEST PROSPECT STILL SEEMS TO  
LIE IN APPROACH SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY (REF C).  
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